

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-26 (Canceled)

27. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) An isolated DNA sequence ~~comprising the 5' flanking region of the gymnosperm loblolly pine 4CL1B as shown in SEQ ID No: 11~~ **having SEQ ID NO: 10.**

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) **A fragment of an** ~~An~~ isolated DNA **sequence having SEQ ID NO: 10** comprising ~~the promoter region of a gymnosperm 4CL gene involved in syringyl lignin biosynthesis, wherein said promoter region directs gene expression and includes two GGTAGGTA binding sites.~~

30-45. (Canceled)